

Male students outnumbered

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Unimas intake for 2007-2008 registers 1,652 ladies compared to just 777 gentlemen

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SAMARAHAN: Female students outnumber male students who enrolled in Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) for the new 2007-2008 intake.

From the total number of 2,429 students, only 777 (32 per cent) are males while female students make up 68 per cent or 1,652. The new intake also includes four students from Tanzania and Indonesia, who will be here for three years.

The students took their pledge at the campus here yesterday in front the chairman of the board of directors Tan Sri Datuk Amar Bujang Mohd Nor.

Vice Chancellor Datuk Dr Abdul Rashid Abdullah said the students were among 80,000 who applied for enrolment at various public institutions of higher learning throughout the country.

He said the students should consider themselves lucky for being selected to study in Unimas, and urged them to make full use of their time here.

"Acquire as much knowledge as possible while you (students) are here (Unimas). Your parents, your families, the society and country have high hope on you to succeed," he told the gathering.

Pointing out that only through good education could the people act and think wisely, he said, adding that the students must be willing to work hard to excel academically, besides possessing positive moral values.

"Only people with good education and positive moral values can act and think positively, to face the changes and challenges ahead, while those who are lazy and oblivious to changes will be left behind," he said.

Rashid also touched on the importance of students mastering English. English, being an international language, was very important for the graduates to meet the demand of the global employment market. He urged them to make learning English one of their priorities.

He also urged the students to join clubs and associations and participate aggressively in sports activities, which were platforms to foster friendship, interaction, racial tolerance and national integration.

To students from Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia, he encouraged them to learn the cultures and traditions of the various local ethnic groups.



WELCOME: The students greeting Bujang at the campus.